

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
Injection & Mining Division

TEXAS BRINE COMPANY, LLC
WHITE CASTLE SALT DOME, IBERVILLE PARISH
Docket No. IMD 2005-05

Pursuant to provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended and provisions of Statewide Order 29-N-1 (LAC 43:XVII, Subpart 1), notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a public hearing at 1:30 P.M., December 15, 2005. The hearing will be held in the La Belle Room, located in the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

At such hearing, the Commissioner or his designated representative will give any interested person the opportunity to present testimony, facts, or oral or written comments relative to a draft permit (Order) concerning applications to construct and operate three Class III Brine Extraction (Solution Mining) Wells in the White Castle salt dome by Texas Brine Company, LLC and create an Area Permit at its proposed Solution Mining Facility near White Castle in Iberville Parish.

Texas Brine Company, LLC (Texas Brine) of 4800 San Felipe, Houston, Texas 77056 is the applicant. The proposed facility is located near the Town of White Castle, LA in Section 001, 008 and 009 Township 11 South, Range 12 East, Iberville Parish.

The proposed three wells are identified as Wilbert Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Solution Mining is proposed to occur in the White Castle Salt Dome at an approximate depth of 6,850 feet below land surface. The base of the lowermost underground source of drinking water at the specific facility location occurs at an approximate depth of 950 feet below land surface.

A copy of the draft permit (Order), a fact sheet, or information concerning the applications may be obtained by writing Mr. Steve Scarbrough at the address below or by calling 225-342-7231. Written comments concerning the applications must be received by the Office of Conservation no later than 4:30 P.M., December 21, 2005. Submit all comments to: Joseph S. Ball, Jr. LA Office of Conservation, Injection & Mining Division, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275. Comments may also be faxed to 225-242-3400. Please reference: Texas Brine Company, LLC Class III permit application Nos. 024829, 024832 and 024833, Docket No. IMD 2005-05.

The applications are available for inspection between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday in the Injection & Mining Division Office, Rm. 817 of the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA. A copy of the applications are also available at the White Castle Branch Library located at 32835 Bowie Street, White Castle, LA.

All persons having interest in the aforesaid shall take notice thereof.

By order of:

James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation